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**REMARKS****I. INTRODUCTION**

Claims 1, 9 and 55 have been amended. No new matter has been added. Claims 16-39 have been cancelled. Thus, claims 1-15 and 40-60 remain pending in this application. It is respectfully submitted that based on the following remarks, all of the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance.

**II. THE 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN**

Claims 1-41 and 43-60 stand rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 102(b) as being anticipated by "Linkers and Loaders, Chapter 6" by John Levine (hereinafter "Levine"). (See 02/01/08 Office Action, p. 4).

Claim 1 recites, in relevant part, "reorder components of the software module into a predetermined order based on a type of the components to remove at least some of the backward references." The Examiner asserts that this recitation of claim 1 is taught by Levine on pages 5-6. (See 02/01/08 Office Action p. 4). Applicant respectfully disagrees.

Claim 1 specifically recites "a *predetermined* order based on a type of the components." Levine, however, makes no mention of the final order. The only reference made to any order is that "each symbol is defined after all the references to it." (See Levine p. 5). In Levine, the system does not pre-specify any final order of the symbols and references based on a type of the component; it only specifies that the references must come before the symbols. Therefore, Applicant submits that Levine does not teach or suggest the above recitation of claim 1. Thus, Applicant submits that claim 1 is allowable. Because claims 2-8, 40, 41 and 43-54 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

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Independent claim 9 recites, "at least some of the references being backward references, the reorder module configured to reorder components of the software module into a predetermined order based on a type of the components." Applicant submits that this claim is also allowable for at least the reasons stated above with respect to claim 1. Because claims 10-15 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 9, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 9.

Independent claim 55 recites, "arrange the components into a predetermined second order so that the second one of the components is subsequent to the first one of the components in the second order, wherein the arrangement is based on a type of the first and second ones of the components." Applicant submits that this claim is also allowable for at least the same reasons state above with respect to claim 1. Because claims 56-60 depend from, and therefore include all the limitations of claim 55, it is respectfully submitted that these claims are also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 55.

### **III. THE 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) REJECTIONS SHOULD BE WITHDRAWN**

Claim 42 stands rejected under 35 U.S.C. § 103(a) as being unpatentable over Levine in view of U.S Patent No. 6,185,733 to Breslau et al. (hereinafter "Breslau"). (See 02/01/08 Office Action, p. 11).

Applicant submits that Breslau does not cure the above-describe deficiency of Levine with respect to claim 1. Therefore, Applicant submits that claim 1 is patentable over Breslau. Because claim 42 depends from, and therefore includes all the limitations of claim 1, it is respectfully submitted that this claim is also allowable for at least the same reasons given above with respect to claim 1.

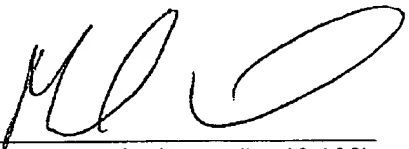
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**CONCLUSION**

In view of the above remarks, it is respectfully submitted that all the presently pending claims are in condition for allowance. All issues raised by the Examiner having been addressed, an early and favorable action on the merits is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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